# STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY MINUTES APRIL 1, 2022

# I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Ted Reese called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency Conference Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

### **Board Members Present:**

Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., President

Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S., Vice President

Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S.

R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.

Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.

Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.

Edward Sammons, D.D.S.

Twyla Rader, L.D.H.

Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Not Present:**

Gregory A. Berger, D.D.S.

Robert D. Findley, D.D.S., Secretary/Designee

### **State Officials Present:**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency Leif Johnson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

## II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Glickman/Kolkman

Motion carried 9-0-0

### III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of October 1, 2021, as edited.

Williamson/Sheline

Motion carried 9-0-0

## V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

## A. PROBATION

1. Arnel Galanosa, D.D.S., License No. 12013706A

Cause No. 2021 ISBD 0013

Dr. Galanosa appeared as requested to discuss his ongoing probation with counsel, Derek Peterson. Dr. Gallanosa stated that he started practicing in Indiana at the beginning of 2022. He is still practicing in Ohio and practicing two to three days in Indiana. He works for one employer but there are multiple locations. Dr. Reese requested Dr. Gallanosa to please provide his schedule at his next appearance. Dr. Galanosa is scheduled to appear again on June 3, 2022.

# 2. Christine Oyler, D.D.S., License No. 12012664A

Cause No. 2021 ISBD 0012

Dr. Oyler appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. Dr. Oyler began practicing in November 2021. She is currently under a memorandum of understanding with DEA and is unable to write for Schedule II drugs. A report from Candace Backer of the Well-Being program was submitted for review. Dr. Oyler signed a five-year contract on November 29,2021. The report stated that she is making efforts to comply with all aspects of her contract. She will need to strengthen her commitment to regular meeting attendance, to signing necessary releases of information and to follow up with all here treatment providers so they can adequately communicate to ensure best treatments for her going forward. Dr. Oyler stated that she did miss some meetings with Ms. Backer as she was unavailable to attend due to commitments with her family. Dr. Oyler made a request to the d that she is requesting the Board's approval to add Botox to her practice. The Board informed her that they cannot approve additional practices. Since Dr. Oyler is not working for another dentist, she is required to provide a quarterly report on her personal circumstances. The Board noted that they have not received her quarterly reports and advised her to ensure that she submits those reports. They also advised Dr. Oyler to review her probation order to ensure that she is following and complying with all requirements. Dr. Matthew Miller, Compliance Officer, completed two inspections, January 27, 2022, and March 24, 2022. a visit to p regarding her practice. Dr. Miller stated that her records were good, and staff was helpful. Overall, he does not see any concerns with Dr. Oyler's practice.

Dr. Oyler submitted a statement and supporting documents for her license renewal. She indicated that her renewal response was to address the incidents that the Board has already addressed for her probation.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to renew Dr. Oyler's license on the current probation status.

Sheline/Sammons Motion carried 9-0-0

## 3. Kurt Richeson, D.D.S., License No. 12010186A

Cause No. 2012 ISBD 0016

Dr. Richeson appeared as requested to discuss his ongoing probation. Dr. Richeson stated that since his last appearance before the Board, he has experienced two (2) relapses with the last relapse in October of 2020. He is still working full time and he continues to submit his quarterly reports. He informed the Board that he does attend AA weekly, and he has a good support system to keep him on track. The Board advised him to complete a new evaluation from the Well-Being program and provide that at his next appearance.

# **B. APPPLICATION**

### 1. Amer Hussani (DDS)

Dr. Hussani was unable to appear today. He will be rescheduled for June 3, 2022.

### C. REINSTATEMENT

### 1. Pamela Inabitt, L.D.H., License No. 13002178A

Ms. Inabitt appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her dental hygiene license that expired in 2014. She submitted copies of her current continuing education and a letter for the Board to review. She informed the Board that she has not engaged in the practice of dental hygiene since 2012, and that her intention to return to the field was to assist with a Mobile Unit for underserved areas. The Board expressed concerns on her clinical knowledge due to the length of time out of the field.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Inabitt's reinstatement of licensure pending the completion of twenty (20) hours of Board approved hands-on training in Fluoride, Radiology, and Coronal Polishing.

Nowakowski/Williamson Motion carried 9-0-0

# 2. Sarah Knowles, D.D.S., License No. 12011120A

Dr. Knowles appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her dental license that expired in 2010. She submitted copies of her current continuing education and a letter for the Board to review. She informed the Board that she is primarily working in the state of Illinois in 2019 and has moved to different states over the past 10 years. She last practiced in the profession in 2019, but COVID made practice difficult. There has been no disciplinary action or malpractice actions taken regarding any license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the reinstatement of Dr. Knowle's dental license pending completion of the jurisprudence examination.

Sheline/Kolkman Motion carried 9-0-0

# 3. Magdalyn Thomas, D.D.S., License No. 12012575A

Dr. Thomas appeared as requested to discuss her reinstatement of her dental license that expired in 2020. Dr. Thomas submitted copies of her current continuing education for the Board to review but did not provide a letter of explanation. Dr. Thomas stated that she has applied for a position at the Department of Veteran Affairs and works from State to State for Aspen Dental. She has practiced in Louisiana, Texas, and New York, with her last practice date in January 2020. She currently does not hold an active license in another State.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the reinstatement of Dr. Thomas' dental license pending the completion of the jurisprudence exam.

Kolkman/Sheline Motion carried 9-0-0

# 4. Robert Ueber, D.D.S., License No. 12008943A

Dr. Ueber did not appear as requested to discuss the reinstatement of his license and provide clarification on a previous malpractice action He submitted a letter to the Board that he no longer wishes to pursue reinstatement.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Ueber's application for reinstatement due to the malpractice action and failure to appear.

Kolkman/Williamson Motion carried9-0-0

### D. RENEWALS

# 1. Sonia Alex, D.D.S., License No. 12010252A

Dr. Alex appeared as requested to discuss her positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, has any healthcare license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been subject to investigation, charges pending, or disciplinary sanctions in any state or U.S. territory?" Dr. Alex submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Dr. Alex explained that she manages several different practices in North Carolina and a complaint was filed against her. She stated that her practices were conducting spore testing and the complaint alleged that she was performing them unsafely. She was investigated by the North Carolina Board and has updated the safety protocols. The Board asked for clarification on how she overseas so many practices. Dr. Alex stated that she has a clinical Doctor at each practice to oversee the day to day, and that she is always available for contact. She conducts audits of all the charting and reports, on top of her own clinal practice. She stated that she has only had one other complaint against her in 2018, which the Indiana Board has already reviewed. Dr. Alex stated that she is in the process of closing those practices in North Carolina.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Alex's renewal application.

Nowakowski/Glickman Motion carried 9-0-0

## 2. Scott Chung, D.D.S., License No. 12011717A

Dr. Chung did not appear. Rescheduled for June 3, 2022.

# 3. Sarah Clinton, L.D.H., License No. 13008871A

Ms. Clinton appeared as requested to discuss her positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Ms. Clinton submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Currently her charges are still pending with the court regarding a DUI that happened in January 2022. She informed the Board that she works at two (2) different offices. At one office she works four (4) days a week, and the other she works one (1) day. She is not in any treatment as she is waiting for the court to complete their final ruling. She stated that she only drinks at home since the incident.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Clinton's license renewal and file a Consumer Complaint with the office of the attorney general to further investigate the pending charges.

Nowakowski/Snoddy Motion carried 9-0-0

## 4. Erin Coleman, D.D.S., License No. 12011288A

Dr. Coleman did not appear. Rescheduled for June 3, 2022.

# 5. Desiree Dal Pra Dech, L.D.H., License No. 13006348A

Ms. Dal Pra Dech appeared as requested to discuss her positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Ms. Dal Pra Dech was requested to submit a written statement to her positive response but never responded to the requests. She submitted supporting documents of her incident and the proof that all matters have been resolved per the courts. She was convicted of a Class A misdemeanor for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person ("OWI") on June 9, 2021. She was issued a sentence of three hundred sixty-five (365) days in jail, with three hundred sixty-three (363) days suspended. Licensee has remained on criminal probation, with the criminal probation scheduled to lapse in June 2022. She currently attends AA and has remained sober since March 7, 2021.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to place Ms. Dal Pra Dech dental hygiene license on Indefinite probation with the following terms:

- Applicant may not petition for probation withdrawal until at least one year has elapsed from the date of entry of this Order.
- Licensee shall make personal appearances every six (6) months for as long as the probation is in effect.
- Licensee must notify the Board of any change in the status of her criminal probation.
- Licensee must report any alcohol relapse to the Board.
- In order to be eligible for probation withdrawal, Licensee must provide proof of successful completion of her criminal probation.
- Any failure to comply with the terms of her license probation may subject Licensee to an Order to Show Cause and a possible hearing to impose further sanctions upon her license.

Rader/Kolkman Motion carried 9-0-0

# 6. Suzanne Graham, L.D.H., License No. 13006952A

Ms. Graham appeared as requested to discuss her positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, has any healthcare license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been subject to investigation, charges pending, or disciplinary sanctions in any state or U.S. territory?" Ms. Graham was requested to submit a written statement to her positive response but did not respond to the requests. Ms. Graham stated that she answered the question positive as she had a Tax hold and misunderstood the question. The Board noted that questions answered in error can be processed without a vote and advised the applicant to ensure they are watching their emails for correspondence from the Board.

# 7. Ghiath Halwani, D.D.S., License No. 12010049A

Dr. Halwani appeared with counsel as requested to discuss his positive response to the questions "Since you last renewed, have you been censured, issued a letter of reprimand, received probationary status, had restrictions or limitations placed on your ability to perform certain acts within the practice of dentistry in any state (including Indiana), U.S. territory or country?" and "Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled a malpractice action regarding your license to practice dentistry?" Dr. Halwani submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Dr. Halwani stated that he has resolved the malpractice that occurred from the previous renewal cycle, and that a new malpractice occurred in 2020. Currently his practice is primarily focused on implant work, and most of the continuing education completed for the renewal was implant focused.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Halwani's license.

Sheline/Nowakowski Motion carried 9-0-0

## 8. Eric Kammerer, D.D.S., License No. 12009477A

Dr. Kammerer did not appear as request to discuss his license renewal and positive response to the question, since you last renewed, have you had any action, discipline or revocation on your DEA (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration) registration or entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on said registration? He submitted a letter to the Board that he is currently retired and is not going to pursue his license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Kammerer's dental license renewal due to the action taken by DEA and failure to appear.

Williamson/Nowakowski Motion carried 9-0-0

# 9. Jessica Martinez, L.D.H., License No. 13008499A

Ms. Martinez appeared as requested to discuss her positive response to "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Ms. Martinez submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She informed the Board that her charges are still pending with the courts regarding her August 2021 arrest for criminal mischief – damage, intimidation and disorderly conduct. There has not been a final outcome as of this date.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Martinez's license renewal and file a Consumer Complaint with the office of the attorney general to further investigate the pending charges.

Rader/Sammons Motion carried 9-0-0

## 10. Michelle Mitchell, L.D.H., License No. 13005474A

Ms. Mitchell did not appear. She will be rescheduled for June 3, 2022.

# 11. Christie Oyler, D.D.S., License No. 12011725A

Ms. Oyler appeared for a probation appearance. Her renewal was addressed by the Board during her appearance.

# 12. David Regan, D.D.S., License No. 12010372A

Dr. Regan appeared as requested to discuss his positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Dr. Regan submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. He stated that the incident was out of character, and the incident is not impacting his practice. On May 8, 2021, Dr. Regan was convicted of a Class C Misdemeanor for an OWI in Huntington, Indiana. Since that time, he has complied with all requirements and all charges with the court have been resolved.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Regan's application for dental renewal.

Rader/Snoddy Motion carried 9-0-0

# 13. Michael Rice, D.D.S., License No. 12008028A

Dr. Rice appeared as requested to discuss his positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Dr. Rice submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. He indicated that he answered the renewal question incorrectly, as the incident occurred the previous renewal cycle. He has submitted an updated report from the Well-Being program that he voluntarily agreed to enter. He informed the Board that he is looking to retire and has sold his practice. Dr. Rice stated he may want to work part-time in the future.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Rice's application for dental renewal his license renewal.

Reese/Williamson Motion carried 9-0-0

# 14. Kristin Rousseau, L.D.H., License No. 13008753A

Ms. Rousseau appeared as requested to discuss her positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,

have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Ms. Rousseau submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Ms. Rousseau stated that she has resolved all matters with the court, and the case has been dismissed.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Rousseau's application for dental hygiene renewal.

Rader/Sammons Motion carried 9-0-0

# 15. Taite Anderson, D.D.S., License No. 12011788A

Dr. Anderson appeared as requested to discuss his positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled a malpractice action regarding your license to practice dentistry?" Dr. Anderson submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Dr. Anderson reviewed the malpractice incident with the Board and informed the Board that the incident has been through peer review. Peer review determined that there was no malpractice by his actions.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Anderson's application for dental renewal.

Sammons/Williamson Motion carried 9-0-0

# 16. Stephen Trager, D.D.S., License No. 12010793A

Dr. Trager appeared as requested with counsel Brian Park to discuss 1. his positive response to the question "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contender to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?" Dr. Trager submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Mr. Park stated that Dr. Trager has signed a plea agreement with the courts, and that the charges do not impact the quality of care he provides his patients. During his personal appearance, the Board reviewed Applicant's renewal application, and considered the circumstances of Licensee's Level 6 felony convictions for strangulation and criminal confinement, on October 29, 2021. His convictions resulted in sentences of two (2) years in the Department of Correction for each count, to run concurrently, for a total sentence of four (4) years. Three (3) years are to be served on home detention, with the remaining year to be served on criminal probation. While he is serving home detention, the courts determined him to not be a danger

to the public. Mr. Park stated that Dr. Trager's charge does not fall under 25-1.1-9-6 Convictions of Concern as the situation does not impact his clinical work or practice the way abuse of alcohol might. The Board inquired if alcohol was a factor that led up to the incident. Dr. Trager stated that he did have a few drinks before the incident, but that the alcohol did not have an influence on what occurred. He stated that he is currently attending personal counseling, counseling by his pastor, and anger management programs. Dr. Trager also stated that the courts did a final ruling in January 2021, and since that time he has been practicing dentistry with no issues.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to renew Dr. Trager's dental license on indefinite probation with the following terms:

- Applicant may not petition for probation withdrawal until his full criminal sentence, including his criminal probation, has been completed.
- Licensee must grant access to a compliance officer for a quarterly visit to Licensee's workplace. This requirement is contingent upon Licensee being in active practice of dentistry, and the compliance officer initiating a visit to Licensee's workplace.
- Any failure to comply with the terms of his license probation may subject Licensee to an Order to Show Cause and a possible hearing to impose further sanctions upon his license.

Glickman/Nowakowski Motion carried 9-0-0

## VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## A. Michael Hoagburg, D.D.S., License No. 12013066A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 ISBD 0014

Re: Extension of Summary Suspension and Motion to Vacate Summary Suspension Extension Hearing

# **Parties Present:**

Respondent was not present Counsel Todd Ess present for Respondent April Keaton, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

# **Participating Board Members:**

Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer) Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S. Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S. Twyla Rader, L.D.H Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S. Jeffery Snoddy, D.D.S. R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S. Edward Sammons, D.D.S. Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member Case Summary: On or about December 10, 2021, Dr. Hoagburg's license was placed on Suspension status. On February 25, 2022, Dr. Hoagburg submitted a license renewal request to place his license on inactive status. As Dr. Hoagburg is not in active practice, and no longer pursing his license, the State filed a Motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension. Todd Ess, counsel of Dr. Hoagburg, has no objection to the State's motion. He stated that currently Dr. Hoagburg is in Colorado, and the State of Colorado is aware of the charges. The State informed the Board that should Dr. Hoagburg request reinstatement, the Board can readdress concerns at that point.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant the State's motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension Extension.

Kolkman/Reese Motion carried 9-0-0

# B. Allison Michalak, L.D.H., License No. 13007275A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 ISBD 0007

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

### **Parties Present:**

Respondent was not present Counsel Todd Ess present for Respondent Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

# **Participating Board Members:**

Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer)
Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Jeffery Snoddy, D.D.S.
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.
Edward Sammons, D.D.S.
Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about July 30, 2021, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Michalak with allegations that she is unfit to practice due to dependency on a substance that impairs her ability to practice safely. Ms. Michalak has reached a Proposed Settlement with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than one (1) year.
- Must submit within thirty (30) days of the Final Order, a completed evaluation by an addictionologist, and follow the recommendations of the evaluation. This evaluation and recommendations shall be submitted to the Board.
- Must submit random drug screens as required by the Board
- Must report any non-compliance with her treatment recommendations to the Board and OAG immediately in writing
- Must attend at least one (1) twelve step meeting per week and provide proof of attendance to the Board on a quarterly basis

- Must maintain one (1) year of continuous therapeutic services by a licensed behavioral health provider
- Must submit quarterly progress reports from the licensed behavioral health provider
- The addictionologist and the licensed behavioral health provider are permitted to discuss with the Board and the OAG on Ms. Michalak's progress.
- If substance abuse reoccurs, Ms. Michalak shall immediately cease working and report incident to the Board and the OAG
- Ms. Michalak shall provide a copy of all Orders, including the Settlement, to any dental employer, who is required to sign the Orders and return it to the Board within ten (10) days of employment or receipt of the Order.
- Ms. Michalak is not permitted to practice unsupervised
- Ms. Michalak must have the individual supervising her practice submit quarterly reports regarding her professional competence, sense of responsibility, work habits, mental attitude, and ability to work with others.
- If Ms. Michalak is not employed as a dental hygienist, she must provide quarterly reports on the nature of her employment, and why she is not currently practicing dental hygiene.
- All quarterly reports must be submitted individually at the end of every quarter while Ms. Michalak remains on probation.
- Ms. Michalak must complete six (6) hours of Continuing Education in the area of addiction as a health care provider.
- Ms. Michalak must make quarterly appearances before the Board

Mr. Ess informed the Board that Ms. Michalak has the intention to renew her dental hygiene license, however, she is resolving a Tax hold issue. He wanted to assure the Board that Ms. Michalak is taking the matter seriously and will renew her license on the Proposed terms once the financial issues are resolved.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

Williamson/Sammons Motion carried 9-0-0

# C. Melissa Ann Lyght, L.D.H., License No. 13005878A

Administrative Cause No. 2013 ISBD 0001 Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

# **Parties Present:**

Respondent was present Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

### Witnesses for the State:

Cindy Vaught Melissa Lyght

### **Participating Board Members:**

Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer) Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S. Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S. Twyla Rader, L.D.H Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S. Jeffery Snoddy, D.D.S. R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S. Edward Sammons, D.D.S. Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On July 3, 2013, On July 3, 2013, the Board placed Practitioner's license on probation after finding that she had continued to practice although she had become unfit to practice due to addiction to, abuse of, or severe dependency upon alcohol or other drugs that impair her ability to practice safely. On November 20, 2015, the Board denied Practitioner's request to have the probation from her license withdrawn, and simultaneously ordered that Practitioner's probation should be subject to additional terms and conditions. On August 5, 2016, the State of Indiana filed an Administrative Complaint against Practitioner's license. On April 12, 2017, the Board entered a Corrected Order Accepting Proposed Settlement, finding additional violations against Practitioner's license and entering a suspended revocation of Practitioner's license, with Practitioner's license remaining on probation for a minimum of two (2) additional years, with newly updated terms and conditions of probation. Practitioner was also assessed a \$2,000 fine and a \$5 health records fee. Ms. Lyght has a good support system. Ms. Lyght stated that she has remained on probation for three (3) years, attended quarterly appearances before the Board, has attended at least one (1) AA meetings per week and provided documentation at her quarterly appearances, provided to the Board copies of her completed ten (10) hours of CE, and paid her fine of \$2,000. The State called Cindy Vaught, Board Director of the State Board of Dentistry to verify that Ms. Lyght has submitted all required probationary documentation. Ms. Lyght submitted letter of recommendation from her mentor. The Board accepted the letter with no objection from the State. Ms. Lyght stated that she was employed under Dr. Chuck Miller but has since switched employments to Dr. Murphy. Both employers are aware of what occurred and the current requirements for her status. The State affirms that they have no objection should the Board accept Ms. Lyght's request to withdraw probation.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Lyght's petition for withdraw of probation.

Reese/Nowakowski Motion carried 9-0-0

# D. Tanya L. Long, L.D.H., License No. 13005437A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 ISBD 0004

Re: Administrative Complaint and Motion to Dismiss

#### **Parties Present:**

Respondent was not present Counsel Chad Branford for Respondent, not present Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

# **Participating Board Members:**

Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer)

Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Jeffery Snoddy, D.D.S.
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.
Edward Sammons, D.D.S.
Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about June 24, 2021, an administrative complaint was filed against Ms. Long with allegations that she violated the standards of acceptable practice and resulted in failure or detrimental patient treatment. The State informed the Board that they have been in contact with Mr. Branford, Ms. Long's counsel, regarding attendance to the meeting. Mr. Branford is unable to attend and provided in writing that the State proceed without his appearance. The State requests that the Administrative Complaint be dismissed with prejudice due to contrary evidence found during the investigation.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Motion to Dismiss the Administrative Complaint.

Rader/Snoddy Motion carries 9-0-0

## E. Uday Neena-Kamanth (DDS)

Administrative Cause No. 2022 ISBD 0003 Re: Appeal of Denial of Licensure

## **Parties Present:**

Respondent was present Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

## **Participating Board Members:**

Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer) Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S. Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S. Twyla Rader, L.D.H Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S. Jeffery Snoddy, D.D.S. R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S. Edward Sammons, D.D.S. Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about February 23, 2022, Dr. Kamath's application for dentistry was denied based upon IC 25-14-1-3 and 828 IAC 1-1-3. Dr. Kamath stated that her multiple examination failures were for her Board examinations, and that those laws refer only to the clinical exams. Dr. Kamath is requesting the Board to review her application with this understanding. She stated that she is passionate about dentistry, and her failures of the examination do not accurately reflect her skills as she is a poor test taker. The Board noted that if they take that perspective, she will still fall under the statue as she has failed the CDCA exam three (3) times.

**Board Action:** After hearing testimony and documentation submitted, a motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Kamath's petition of appeal.

Reese/Williamson
Motion carried 9-0-0

### VII. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT

There were no notices of Proposed Default.

#### VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

## A. LICENSURE APPLICTIONS

# 1. Ashley Folz (LDH)

Ms. Folz application for dental hygiene license was submitted to Board review as she has failed her national exams 3 times. The Board reviewed her application and scores. They determined that the three (3) strikes rule does not apply to dental hygienists, and that her file meets requirements.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Folz's application for dental hygiene license pending the completion of the jurisprudence examination.

Sheline/Rader Motion carried 9-0-0

# 2. Jianjun Hao (DDS)

Dr. Hao's application was submitted for review as he attended an unaccredited dental program. Dr. Hao is a 1991 graduate of The Fourth Military Medical School located in China and received an Advanced Certificate of Orthodontics from the University of Chicago on May 8, 2011. He has taken and passe the CRDTS and NBDE examinations and is currently licensed in the state of Illinois.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Hao's application pending completion of the jurisprudence exam.

Sheline/Kolkman Motion carried 9-0-0

## 3. Upasna Janu (DDS)

Dr. Janu's application was submitted for review as she attended an unaccredited dental program. Dr. Janu is a 2011 graduate from Bapuji Dental College and Hospital located in India and received an Advanced Certificate of Periodontology from the Indiana University on June 30, 2021. She has completed the NBDE and CDCA examinations.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Hao's application pending completion of the jurisprudence exam.

Sheline/Snoddy Motion carried 9-0-0

# 4. Zia Khan (DDS)

Dr. Khan's application by endorsement was submitted for review of regarding his active practice. Dr. Khan is a 2014 graduate of the University of Illinois Chicago. He has taken and passed the NBDE and CDCA examinations and is currently licensed in the state of Connecticut and holds an inactive license in the state of Illinois. Dr. Khan last dates of practice in Connecticut was in 2018. Since that time, he has been practicing in Pakistan. The Board reviewed his submitted additional information on his work history. Board stated that his out of country practice meets requirements.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Khan's application pending the completion of the jurisprudence examination.

Kolkman/Sheline Motion carried 9-0-0

# 5. Elizabeth Wilson (DDS)

Dr. Wilson's application by endorsement was submitted for review of her NBDE and CDCA examination scores. Dr. Wilson is a 2017 graduate of Indiana University and is currently licensed in the state of Kentucky. Dr. Wilson has failed one portion of the CDCA exam three (3) times. Based upon the current statute the three strikes rule only applies to applicants applying by examination. Dr. Wilson meets the requirements for endorsement licensure.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Wilson's application pending the completion of the jurisprudence examination.

Kolkman/Sheline
Motion carried 9-0-0

## **B. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

There were no Continuing Education applications for review.

## IX. DISCUSSION

## A. Compliance Fund Update

Dr. Reese stated that the funds for the Compliance fund are still not being used for compliance issues. The Board is making a formal request for the withdrawing of the funds to cease, or the IDA is going to file official action for misuse of funds. Dr. Reese stated that they would like to hire more compliance officers to address compliance issues. The Board would like to have (3) officers to address the North, Central, and South sections of Indiana. Evan Bartel, Deputy Director of IPLA, stated that the current fund is tied into a MOU that is modeled after Ohio's compliance fund. He is currently working on a new draft for the MOU to address the Board's concerns. He explained currently the funds are being used as outlined in the current MOU, and the statues set forth by the State.

### **B.** Website Modifications Recommendations

Dr. Reese stated that they would like to see the Dental Board website to be more user friendly. A taskforce was created to discuss what updates need to be done. Ms. Tammera Glickman, Twyla Rader, and IPLA will work together to provide website updates.

## C. Proposed Administrative Rules Review

The Board members reviewed the current rules for the Board. Discussion and adjustments were made for the clinical examination requirements for licensure. Further discussion will be completed at the next Board meeting as they review each section.

# D. Jurisprudence Examination Review

Ms. Rader was the point person to review the current jurisprudence exam given to applicants. She has updated the examination to be more in line with current changes. The jurisprudence examination is now thirty (30) questions from the previous fifty (50) and eliminated listing of the statutes in the examination with each question. Questions on the exam should now be more pertinent to the practice of dentistry.

### E. Senate Bill 251

SB 251 has passed which allows for physicians to be licensed across State lines. Dr. Reese stated that the Board would like to see a similar law pass for dentistry. Mr. Bartel did inform the Board that a multi-State compact license is being discussed for other boards, but it will take legislative action to pass. That action is usually conducted by the national agencies.

## F. Dental Intern Permits

The Board discussed the need for a limited dental license. The Board notes that while they do have Limited Charitable Permit, it has specific restrictions which does not apply to all situations.

## X. REPORTS

There were no reports to present.

### XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business to discuss.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the State Board of Dentistry adjourned at 4:47 p.m. by general consensus.

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